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Fort Greely selects its 'Best Warriors'



Photos by Sgt. Jack W. Carlson III

Staff Sgt. Duane Ostrowski, "RC" NCO of the Year, practices water survival skills at the Fort Greely pool during the recent 2009 Fort Greely "AC" Best Warrior Competition. Ostrowski goes on to compete at the state level representing the 49th Missile Defense Bn. at the next Best Warrior Competition.

Local MP earns NCO of the Year title

by Sgt. Jack W. Carlson III
49th Missile Defense Battalion

Three very challenging weeks recently passed for a select few "Best Warriors" from the 49th Missile Defense Battalion, 100th Missile Defense Brigade (Ground-based Midcourse Defense) who have been competing for the titles of Soldier and NCO of the Year. "By having both Reserve and

Active Component chain of command the battalion has a unique opportunity to showcase our Soldiers abilities at both competitions; the pool of talent our battalion possesses is really immense," said Command Sgt. Maj. Bradford Quigley, Command Sergeant Major 49th MDBn.

Both local Active and Reserve Component Best Warrior

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Command Sgt. Maj. Bradford Quigley, 49th Missile Defense Bn., holds the feet of a Best Warrior competitor during the sit-up portion of the Army Physical Fitness Test.

Spring cleanup set for May 15

Fort Greely is preparing for its annual Spring Cleanup from 9 a.m. to noon May 15.

If you work on Fort Greely, please see your supervisor for guidance on what areas to clean. Housing residents are asked to

clean the areas around their quarters.

Trash bags and gloves will be distributed from 8 to 9 a.m. in front of the Fitness Center.

Trash pickup will take place from 9 a.m. to noon, followed by a cook-out for Spring Cleanup participants at the pavilion behind the Fort Greely Fire Department beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Skeet Range re-opens

The Fort Greely Family Morale Welfare and Recreation division is re-opening the Fort Greely skeet range beginning May 18.

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Command Corner

GC addresses current Fort Greely topics

Spring has arrived and summer is just around the corner. It is a great time of year in one of the finest places on earth ... Alaska! I would like to pass along a few updates to Team Greely this month.

Influenza

I'm sure you are aware of the new strain of influenza going around. It has impacted the Lower 48 and other areas of the world. There have not been any reported cases of H1N1 influenza in Alaska to date. We are monitoring the situation and are prepared if the flu virus makes its way to our part of Alaska. Please remember, there is no need to panic. But, it is important to take precautions. You can help protect yourself, family and co-workers by practicing good hygiene:

- ♦Wash hands often, with soap, and warm or hot water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- ♦Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze.
- ♦Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- ♦Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- ♦More information is available on our Command Channel (GCI Ch. 6).

Mount Redoubt

After a quiet period, there has been increased seismic activity recently at the Mt. Redoubt Volcano near Anchorage. Fort Greely has not been impacted by volcanic ash. In the unlikely event of ash fallout on Fort Greely from a Redoubt eruption, employees and residents should monitor the Garrison Marque and Command Channel for instructions. If necessary, messages will also be relayed via the

“Giant Voice.”

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Dog Park

Fort Greely now has a “Dog Park.” It is located in the ball field closest to the front gate. The other two ball fields are off limits to pets. The rules for use are posted on the fence outside the park. All pet owners need to follow the rules and keep the area clean and safe by picking up after their pets. The BOSS program will provide baggies and pick-up scoops.

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Garrison Commander

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Valdez Campground

The Valdez Glacier Campground opens for the season on May 22. The campground is located at the base of the Chugach Mountains beneath the famous Valdez Glacier. If you like camping, wildlife viewing, fishing or just relaxing, take advantage of this great facility. A charter boat is also available for halibut and salmon fishing. For more information, including prices, call 873-4058.

Asian-Pacific Heritage

Fort Greely's Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month celebration is scheduled for 3 p.m. May 28 at Gabriel Auditorium. Come out and enjoy ethnic food samplings, entertainment and fun activities. It will be a great time to get together.

Finally, I truly appreciate your dedication and hard work to make Fort Greely a premier place to live and work. Remember, Memorial Day (May 25) marks the beginning of the “101 Critical Days of Summer.” Every year, more people are injured or killed in motor vehicle crashes between Memorial Day and Labor Day than in any other period of the year. So, as you get out and drive around the “Great Land” this Summer, please make safety a top priority!

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Remember Mom's Day Sunday!

by Vince Cepeda
Chaplain

Ah, the month of May is here!

As we anticipate warmer weather, we men — and our children — dare not forget or overlook an essential date on May 10: Mother's Day.

Where would you and I be without our mothers?

Mothers may come in all sizes and shapes, but one thing is certain: a mother's love, sacrifice, and influence do not go unnoticed.

How common it is to only recognize and honor our mothers on Mother's Day.

My mom would remind me to also honor her on the other 364 days.

Mom to the Rescue

I recall a time when I was a young boy needing my mother's help and assistance. I was in severe pain. Help and relief came after she witnessed how much pain I was in. Her gentle touch and care came at the right time. Her patience was truly a blessing to me and I am truly grateful.

That day, and countless other times, my mom was there to rescue me from my perils. Moms are very special

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-Theodore Roosevelt

gifts sent from heaven to make the world a better place.

I like what Theodore Roosevelt had to say about how important and valuable mothers are...

“When all is said, it is the mother, and the mother only, who is a better citizen than the Soldier who fights for his country.

The successful mother, the mother who does her part in rearing and training aright the boys and girls, who are to be the men and women of the next generation, is of greater use to the community, and occupies, if she only would realize it, a more honorable as well as a more important position than any man in it.

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will be greatly praised.”

Our society puts tremendous emphasis on external, or physical, beauty.

More valuable and price-

less, however, is beauty that comes from within. A woman who fears the Lord; and who honors, respects, and loves the Lord has a strong, spiritual influence on those within and outside her household.

The mother who fears the Lord will be greatly praised by her family members and by those in her community.

May God give us more godly women to positively influence our society, and may we be willing to learn from and follow their example.

Proverbs 31:28-31, “Her children stand and bless her. Her husband praises her: There are many virtuous and capable women in the world, but you surpass them all. Charm is deceptive, and beauty does not last; but a woman who fears the LORD will be greatly praised. Reward her for all she has done. Let her deeds publicly declare her praise.”

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The Virtuous Mother

On a spiritual note, the text in Proverbs 31 describes the pattern and characteristics of a virtuous woman and mother.

She is a woman of noble character who is worth far more than rubies.

She is priceless.

She has a wholesome social life that is noticed by others.

She has a keen interest in her husband and her children, and shows kindness to those with whom she comes in contact.

She is also known as a wise businesswoman: a person of great industry both inside and outside her home.

Finally, and most importantly, the virtuous mother is a spiritual woman.

Proverbs 31:30 tells us, “Charm is deceptive, and beauty does not last; but a woman who fears the LORD

Safety tips for dealing with Alaska's moose

by Colleen Pugh
Fort Greely Safety Office

Moose are a part of life in Alaska. Here are some safety tips to remember when you come upon one.

- ◆ Most important! NEVER get between a mama moose (cow) and her baby (calf).
- ◆ Don't ever feed moose. Not only is it dangerous it is also against the law.

◆ Always stay at least 50 feet away. If the moose doesn't leave, retreat and take a different route.

◆ When a moose lays back its ears or raises its hackles, this means that the moose is angry or it is afraid. It may charge, so leave the area.

◆ Don't corner moose into fences or houses

◆ Moose will kick with both of their front and hind feet.

◆ If a moose does charge you, try and get behind a tree or other large object (car, etc.) you can run around the tree or object faster than a moose can.

◆ Take pictures from a distance. If you look out your car or home window and see moose, stay inside until they leave.

Enjoy the magnificence of nature without scaring the animals or endangering yourself.

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Spc. James Bates (far left), counts the repetitions of Spc. James Kempner (pushing), both Military Police Officers, 49th Missile Defense Bn., as the battalion's top enlisted leader, Command Sgt. Maj. Bradford Quigley observes the push-up event.

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competitions took place here in April. Recently, the Alaska Army National Guard Best Warrior Competition at Fort Richardson named the top Soldier and Noncommissioned Officer in the Alaska Army National Guard.

Representing the 49th MDBn. at the state Reserve Component competition were Staff Sgt. Duane Ostrowski and Spc. James Bates, both military police officers with the GBI Military Police Security Company here. Ostrowski went on to win the title of NCO of the Year for the Alaska Army National Guard, and will represent the state during the Army National Guard Region 6 Competition at Fort Lewis in May.

Prior to competing in the state board, the Reserve Component winners spent most of their free time studying and training to prepare themselves to compete at the next level.

"We spent a lot of time preparing for board questions, learning Army doctrine, and improving our physical endurance. Being able to sit in on the Active Component competition was really helpful and

provided insight into some areas where I can improve," said Ostrowski.

While assisting in the execution of the local Active Component competition, Bates and Ostrowski motivated the local competitors while still being able to study the intricacies in competing against some of the best warriors the Army has to offer.

"Each and every event tested us mentally and physically, some more than others. The Land Navigation course while carrying a ruck stands out as being a great way to show our physical as well as our mental abilities. This particular event gave each individual Soldier a chance to conduct something that our full time mission does not," said Sgt. Brandon Amarone, who took Fort Greely Active Component NCO of the Year.

The Soldiers who won in these competitions represent one of the battalion's missions; to secure and defend the Missile Defense Complex as Military Police Officers. The requirements necessary to excel in this and future competitions require long hours of training and preparation as well as commitment to leading others.



Pfc. Zachery Eisen, Military Police Officer, 49th Missile Defense Bn., completes one more repetition during the pull-up event of the 2009 Fort Greely "AC" Best Warrior Competition.

Army surgeon general says ...

'No cause for panic' about flu

by C. Todd Lopez
Army News Service

While emphasizing caution, the surgeon general of the Army said there's no reason to be alarmed by the H1N1 flu outbreak.

"It's important for you all to understand that there is no cause for panic or alarm," wrote Lt. Gen. Eric B. Schoomaker, U.S. Army surgeon general in his blog. "Antiviral drugs are available in the event you become ill; and there are preventive measures you can take to stay healthy."

The new strain of the flu virus has been confirmed in such places as Mexico, the United States, New Zealand, Canada, Spain and the United Kingdom.

The H1N1 flu usually occurs in pigs, though certain strains can be passed to humans -- and from human to human.

"The most recent cases ... appear to have the ability to be passed from person to person and have resulted in a number of cases in the United States as well as widespread disease in certain parts of Mexico," Schoomaker said. "It is likely that this ... flu will spread to many if not all parts of the United States."

The symptoms of H1N1 flu are similar to other kinds of flu, including fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. In some cases, there may also be vomiting and diarrhea.

The H1N1 flu is passed from person to person much like other forms of the flu, Schoomaker said.

"Most people catch (H1N1) flu the same way they catch the regular flu," he said.

"You can catch (the) flu by coming in contact with droplets from infected people after they sneeze or cough. This can occur by being in the path of a sneeze or cough or touching something that has those droplets on it and then touching your mouth, nose or eyes."

Medication like Tamiflu and Relenza can treat the flu,

Schoomaker said. These medications are not available over the counter, however, but by doctor's prescription.

"If you have (the) flu and need treatment, treatment should start within two days after you begin to feel sick," Schoomaker said. Those with chronic medical conditions are at risk for more severe illness from the H1N1 flu, he said.

According to Schoomaker, neither the Army nor the overall military population are showing any unusual spike in illness that might indicate H1N1 flu. Additionally, the general said, he and other senior medical officials in the joint community are staying abreast of the issue in order to keep the force healthy.

"Rest assured that my staff and I are working the ... flu issue closely with the Joint Staff surgeon, the assistant secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, the other



Photo by C. Todd Lopez

military services, Health and Human Services, and Centers for Disease Control and Preventive Medicine," Schoomaker said.

Deployed service members are at no increased risk of infection, according to information released by the Surgeon General's Office.

The Army Medical Command recommends Soldiers and their families avoid contracting the ... flu by avoiding those who already have the flu, and by washing their hands often.

"If you think you have (the) flu, contact your health care provider. He or she will be able to determine if you need testing or treatment," Schoomaker said.

For more information, updates and frequently asked questions, visit www.armymedicine.army.mil or the Surgeon General's Blog at <https://blog.amedd.army.mil/tsg/>

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pass authorizing access to Fort Greely on days the skeet range is in operation.

Once you have submitted your application you will need to stop at the Visitor's Center on your initial visit and register for your season pass.

The skeet range will be open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 4 to 9 p.m.

Skeet Club members will also receive discounted rounds of skeet and trap along with free entry into special events.

The skeet range has 12- and 20-gauge shotguns available for use and ammo for sale.

For those bringing their own shotguns to the skeet range, remember they must be unloaded and carried in the trunk or passenger compartment of the vehicle, not in open view.

In all cases, the shotgun must be unloaded and must be either locked in a hard-sided case or may be inside a soft case with a trigger lock or cable lock in-

stalled on the shotgun. Ammo must be separated from the weapon and out of open view.

The season will run May 18 thru Oct. 2. If you would like to sign up please call 873-4058.

Applications can be picked up in Delta Junction at Granite View Sports and at all FMWR facilities on Fort Greely.

Member fees are: \$25 for authorized FMWR patrons; \$45 for non-military civilians.

Planning for the wildfire season

Courtesy of Fort Greely Fire Department

Once again it's that time of year - any time but winter! As the temperatures soar above freezing, the snow melts, and we all begin to look with great anticipation to the enjoying "The Great Land," it is not too early to start considering the wildfire season.

The following information will assist you to better prepare yourself and your property, and help reduce both the probability and the effects of a wildfire.

Development in the wildland and urban interface, where wildland fuels meet and mix with urban development, is growing and has been on the rise for years. Wildfires that occur in these areas pose threats to citizens and homes and they are complex challenges for firefighters. When you live in or near wildland areas, it is important to design and maintain your home and landscaping with wildfire safety in mind. If you follow simple steps to make your home fire safe inside and out, you not only reduce the threat to your property but you help protect your home and family, too.

Wildfires are a natural process and they can and do occur in all wildland areas, from forests to prairies and brush-covered rangelands; while the previous two wildfires affecting the Fort Greely resulted from human carelessness, lightning strikes are the single-most natural cause of wildfires. Living in these areas means you should understand some basics about wildfire and be prepared. Construction materials, landscaping plants and design, surrounding wildland fuels, the location of your home on a slope or flat area, and more are all factors that affect your exposure to, and threat from, wildfire.

Understanding Basics Fuel

Fuel includes anything that will burn - trees, shrubs, grass, homes, fences, decks, sheds, and more. Unchecked, a wildfire makes no distinction between wildland and urban fuels - between grass or trees and your home. Things you do, however, can alter a fire's behavior and reduce your risk.

Low-lying fuels such as grass and shrubs can often carry a fire more quickly than larger fuels but often at lower intensities and with shorter flame lengths. But if they

have a continuous path to your deck or your home, they can burn your home as easily as fire in larger fuels.

Just as firefighters create firebreaks in the wildland, it's important for you to create space between plants and establish breaks in your landscaping to alter a fire's path to your home.

Ladder fuels are grasses, brush, and shrubs that can carry fire from low-lying surface vegetation up into tall trees. You can help keep a fire near the surface, and generally less intense, by trimming or removing these ladder fuels near trees, along with keeping low-hanging branches trimmed up to a minimum of six feet above the ground.

Crown fuels are tall trees. Fires in these fuels are difficult to manage and often pose the greatest threats due to high temperatures, high burn intensities, long flame lengths, the probability of spreading embers far distances, and more. Stands of trees on your property should be thinned to create space between them, with branches trimmed up off the ground. Trees adjacent to and touching your home are best removed.

Weather

Weather is a critical factor in affecting a fire's intensity and rate of spread. High temperatures, low humidity, and wind can make a wildfire in grass or sage every bit as dangerous and threatening as a crown fire and worsen the intensity and spread of crown fires. A long dry spell or drought conditions only intensify a wildfire's behavior and threat.

When considering your home, it's perhaps most important to understand that wind can carry embers and firebrands up to a mile or more from the main fire. These embers landing on a roof or in rain gutters cluttered with pine needles or other flammable debris, or getting trapped under or on decks, are responsible for many home losses every year.

Terrain

The location of your home with respect to the surrounding terrain is also a critical factor to consider. Fires tend to burn upslope with greater speed and intensity than downhill or across flat areas. This effect is

made worse if the upslope includes a narrow drainage, called a chimney, which can funnel and intensify the wind and flames. A home located at or near the top of a slope is at a greater risk, and will require proper landscape management for a greater distance downhill than on flat ground to achieve the same threat reduction.

What Can You Do?

There are two primary goals in reducing the wildfire threat and better protecting your home and property. One is to reduce the exposure and flammability of your home. This can involve one or more steps ranging from installing a fire-resistant roof to simply clearing debris from under decks, keeping your roof and rain gutters free of pine needles and other flammable material, and storing firewood away from the house. The second goal is to reduce and manage the fuels surrounding your home to be fire-resistant. This ranges from keeping the landscaping low and clean near your home to raking up pine needles and other debris and keeping enough space between trees and plants to slow an approaching fire.

When Wildfire Strikes

If you wait until there is smoke in the air to take fire-safe steps around your property, it's too late. When a fire occurs near you, be prepared to evacuate.

- ♦Gather important and irreplaceable photos, documents, and heirlooms and put them in your car.
- ♦Gather pets and put them in your car, too.
- ♦Park your car facing out of the garage or in the direction you will be leaving.
- ♦Put flammable deck or patio furniture inside; move all flammable furniture away from windows.
- ♦Close all windows, doors, vents, blinds, and non-flammable window coverings.
- ♦If possible shut off all gas or propane utilities.
- ♦Leave a porch or outside light on.
- ♦Listen to local TV or radio for evacuation news. Local authorities may also notify you by driving through your neighborhood with loudspeakers. Leave when asked to do so.

For more on wildfire season planning, check out the next edition of the INTERCEPTOR.



Photo by Kent Cummins



Lt. Col. Chris Chronis, Garrison Commander, and Command Sgt. Major Carolyn Reynolds, Garrison Command Sergeant Major, share lunch with children at the Child Development Center as part of Fort Greely's "Month of the Military Child" celebration in April. More than 1.7 million American children under the age of 18 have at least one parent serving in the military.

News Notes

National Day of Prayer

Fort Greely's National Day of Prayer event is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. May 7 at the Chapel.

Relay for Life

Relay for Life is set for 6 p.m. May 8 through 6 p.m. May 9 at the Delta High School Track.

Donations will be accepted.

College Classes

A Nurse Aide Course is set for May 11 to June 30. This class will primarily involve training in the Delta area; however, it will include a few trips to Fairbanks for clinical experiences at the Denali Center.

A Fundamentals of Oral Communication class will be offered June 16 to July 29 at the Delta Career Advancement Center.

A Birds of Alaska class is an interesting 1-credit class taught by local Fish and Game Biologist Steve DuBois.

For more information, call Cheryl Helkenn at 895-4605 or stop by the

Fort Greely Education Center in Bldg 661.

Delta Junction Visitor Center

The Delta Junction Visitor Information Center is scheduled to open for the season on May 11.

Stop by the visitor center anytime and see their unique displays and visit with their friendly, helpful staff.

Delta Junction Cleanup

Mark your calendar for the 2009 Delta Junction Community Cleanup scheduled for May 16.

The Community Cleanup is an annual event sponsored by the Delta Chamber of Commerce and everyone is welcome to get involved.

Special yellow garbage bags will be supplied by the Delta Chamber of Commerce for anyone who volunteers for a specific section of road for clean-up.

All the clean-up fun will culminate at the Visitor Information Center with a tasty barbecue and potluck as a reward for all your efforts.

Sign-up today by calling the Delta Chamber of Commerce at 895-5068.

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Friendly Frontier Days

Step back in time to celebrate the frontier roots of Delta Junction.

The annual Friendly Frontier Days sponsored by the Delta Chamber of Commerce is scheduled for May 23. Some of the days' events include the popular pig kissin' contest. Place your vote today! Three lucky people will get the chance to smooch a very cute pig that is after they catch them. Pig Kissin' voting cans are located throughout Delta Junction. Kids and adults alike can take part in the fun, listen to some great music and enjoy a tasty BBQ.

If you are interested in volunteering please give call the Delta Chamber of Commerce office at 895-5068.

Delta Squirts skate to state title

by Rob Warren
Garrison Attorney

The State Tier IV tournament was held in Palmer recently and Delta Junction was well represented with a 5-0-1 tournament record and finishing as champions.

Play began on with Delta facing off against the Wasilla Wild. Cameron Smith put Delta in the lead in the first period and the Huskies never looked back with Cobey Cupp and Thomas Warren each adding goals for a final score of 3-0. Patrick Kiser and Dennis Kulikovskiy played defense and helped keep the Wasilla Wild away from Delta's net. Tanner Michie provided support at wing and Joseph Mock, the Husky goalie is credited with the shutout.

The kids played their next game against Eagle River's Mustangs. Thomas Warren put Delta in the lead with an early goal but the Mustangs battled back, tying the game late in the first period. Delta put two more points on the board with goals from Cobey Cupp and Jeron Lemons and an assist by Harrison Kiser. The Mustangs responded however with two late goals and the exciting game ended in a 3-3 tie.

The tournament action continued for the Huskies with an early morning game in Wasilla against the AHA-Ghost Riders. By this point in the tournament the Huskies appeared to be well-adjusted to the indoor ice and the game was all Delta. Thomas Warren provided a hat-trick and Ryan Schmidt, Cameron Smith and Michael Yearty added goals for a final score of 6-0.

Tournament play continued with the Huskies meeting the AHA-Red Wings. Once again the Huskies dominated with the help of a hat-trick from Thomas Warren and additional goals by Cobey Cupp and Cameron Smith for a final score of 5-1.

Semi-final play on proved to be another



Courtesy Photo

Coaches are Justin Smith (left) and Rob Warren. Players are (back row, left to right) Ryan Schmidt, Cobey Cupp, Jesse Reiersen, Jeron Lemons and Thomas Warren. Front row, left to right are Cameron Smith, Harrison Kiser, Patrick Kiser, Michael Yearty, Joseph Mock and Dennis Kulikovskiy. (Not pictured are Tanner Michie and Jackson Reiter)

good showing but there were some nervous moments. At the very start of the game the competition came out very strong putting 2 points on the board in the first 22 seconds. The kids from Delta did not give up though and in less than a minute Harrison Kiser responded with a goal. From that point forward the Huskies were unstoppable. Jesse Reiersen's goal in the 3rd period sealed the victory with a final score of 6-2.

The championship game was a rematch between the Huskies and the Mustangs.

At the end of the first period the Mustangs were leading 1-0.

Thomas Warren tied the game for the Huskies in the second period and Cameron Smith added two more goals but the Mustangs weren't silent and after 2 periods of play the teams were tied 3-3.

The third period was a battle but with 4:53 remaining in the game and the Mustangs threatening on Delta's side of the ice Thomas Warren grabbed the puck. A quick pass to Michael Yearty and Cameron

Smith managed to get open at center-ice. Michael Yearty sent the puck up to Cameron Smith and he raced down the ice. Cameron Smith beat the Mustang defenders to the net and used some good puck handling to freeze the goalie and then he put the puck in the net to take the lead.

In the final 43 seconds of the game the Mustangs pulled their goalie as they struggled for a tie but the Huskies finished victorious 4-3. Delta Husky goalie, Joseph Mock, earned Most Valuable Goalie of the tournament.

The Squirt tournament victory came on the heels of their Bush Tournament victory and capped a very successful season, said Assistant Squirt Coach Rob Warren, who also is a Major in the Alaska Army National Guard.

"We've got a real good group of kids in Delta this year," Warren added, "from Mites to Bantams they played hard and conducted themselves in a sportsmanlike manner that should make the whole town proud."